7. (Amended) A method, device or source according to claim 1 wherein the source comprises a network server or an Internet server.

8. (Amended) A method, device or source according to claim 1 wherein the remote user is a computer terminal.

9. (Amended) A method, device or source according to claim 1 wherein the source transmits to the remote user a control program to enable the remote user to specify parameters determining the desired spatial, temporal and format characteristics of the video data.

11. (Amended) A method, device or source according to claim 1 wherein parameters determining one or both of auditory and visual characteristics are specified, transmitted or received.

12. (Amended) A method, device or source according to claim 1 wherein the source is usable by several remote users concurrently.

13. (Amended) A method, device or source according to claim 1 whereby the user may specify parameters for the required video customisation, these parameters determining one or more of the following video characteristics: the temporal extent of the original video data to be included in the customized video data, the spatial extent of the original video data to be included in the customized video data, the extent to which the original video data should be magnified or demagnified, the time lapse ratio between the original video data and the customized video data, the soundtracks accompanying the customized video data, the visual appearance of the customized video data as determined by the application of selected image processing procedures, and the nature of the encoding of the customized video data, namely the video format, the video frame rate, the compression/decompression algorithm (codec) and the compression quality setting applied to the customized video data before downloading to the user.

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